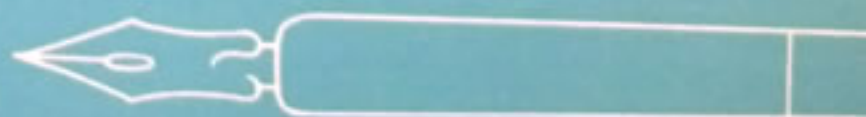




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3,000 BELIEVERS REPORTED DESTITUTE IN HONG KONG

Brethren from several Iowa assemblies would like to present through *Letters of Interest* Brother Peter Chu Pong and a situation which he describes regarding the appalling conditions suffered by our brethren who have fled Communism and found refuge, such as it is, in Hong Kong.

There are more than 3,000 believers from assemblies in northern China, of whom 38-year old Peter, his wife and six children formed a part. He himself, left an orphan, was reared by a British-commended missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Robinson, and since his youth has been in fulltime work for the Lord.

Mr Chu came to the United States in March through a series of miraculous circumstances to attend a Presidential Prayer Breakfast as a representative of Christian leaders in Hong Kong. While in Washington, D. C., this brother spoke before the U. S. Senate and the House Un-American Activities Committee. Later developments left him in Des Moines where a temporary U. S. visa has been extended until December, 1959.

There has been much prayer and consideration in this area as to what might be done to assist our brother and the thousands of suffering believers in Hong Kong. The ideas expressed by Brother Chu indicate that their greatest need is some opportunity to support themselves. The majority of them are highly skilled and could support themselves, if there were a market for their products and space for their homes. Most of them live in extremely overcrowded shacks and have virtually no opportunity for employment.

During the recent Des Moines conference Brother Chu described in part many amazing and tragic facts concerning the difficulties and sufferings of these people.

On behalf of the brethren who have recently assembled for prayer and study of this particular situation, we present this matter to you for further responsibility in this matter. Since "faith is a confident as-

surance of that for which we hope, a conviction of the reality of things which we do not see," we believe that a united "faith and prayer exercise" will result in the right and acceptable directions. We will appreciate any constructive suggestions which you may wish to present.

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Editors' Page

OUR SHADOWS AND HIS

The saintly J. Wilbur Chapman used to tell of a very impressive lesson he learned from his little son.

On a beautiful afternoon they were out for a walk together, the father trying to find easy-to-grasp answers for all the questions the boy asked as they chatted. Suddenly the little fellow drew his hand from his father's grasp and began to walk behind him. After a momentary pause the young laddie said, "Daddy, I'm walking in your shadow." Reaching home, dear Mr. Chapman repaired to a private room, closed the door, got down on his knees and prayed, "Oh God, help me to walk straight, to walk circumspectly, to walk nobly, to walk humbly, for a little boy is walking in my shadow." What a salutary lesson he learned that day, and how compelling for each one of us to lay it to heart.

The Apostle Peter in Acts 5 enjoyed the honor of casting a blessing by *his very shadow* on those who were diseased and distressed. Verse 15 tells us that they brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and couches that at least *the shadow* of Peter passing might overshadow some of them. How these sick folk must have rejoiced to see Peter coming along the streets of Jerusalem. It meant healing to their bodies and gladness to their hearts. His presence brought a heavenly benediction of comfort and cheer.

Today we are far removed from those early times of apostolic power, but we still can have the privilege of being a blessing to the spiritually sick and distressed. Remember Laban's words to Jacob: "I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for your sake" (Genesis 30:27).

Someone is walking in our shadow, and if we can say with Paul, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1), then our lives will touch others with Divine blessing. But how are we to attain to this high standard? Simply by walking in the *shadow of the Master*. Doing so, we shall not say anything He would not say, go anywhere He would not go, or do anything He would not do. *His shadow*—denoting His close proximity to me, His follower,—will safeguard me from all that would dishonor His Holy Name.

May we, like the singer of the Canticles (Song of Solomon 2:3), sit down under *His shadow* with great delight and find His fruit sweet to our taste.

—W. Herbert Marshall

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

Fellowship with God is a vital part of every Christian life. The Psalmist knew something of this, as expressed in Psalm 63. "I remember Thee upon my bed and meditate on Thee in the night watches." The Psalm as a whole is a description of David's longing for God. It was for this reason that he sought for Him in the sanctuary (v. 2), that he lifted up his hands in prayer (v. 4), that he remembered God and meditated on Him in the night watches (v. 6).

When we are sleepless at night, sickness and sorrow, fear and worry are generally the cause. But for David, it was the great joy of communion with God that kept him awake. David evidently found his highest joy in meditating on God. Yet how little he knew of Him compared to what is revealed for us in the Bible. David found that meditation on God satisfied his soul more than anything else and caused him to praise God with joyful lips (v. 5). On another occasion he said, "My meditation of Him shall be sweet."

This should always be the result when our hearts are in tune with heaven.

—J. W. Kennedy

HOW DOES THE LORD SUPPLY?

Read, please, the following passage and determine wherein the text has been tampered with: "And there stood up one of them, Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples prayed that the Lord would supply the need of the brethren which dwelt in Judea."

Who among us would dare so to alter the Word of God as we have changed this passage from Acts 12:28-30? None—except to emphasize what the word *does not* say. Like the scribes we guard with meticulous care every word, every letter. But do we not sometimes like them by our traditions set aside the plain teaching of the Word? And is it not as serious an offense to violate the principles as it is to twist the text?

We are thinking of our responsibilities regarding the needs of the work, of the workers and of the poor among us: responsibilities which surely the Word of God lays right on our shoulders.

A need arises in a certain place—for example, a pioneer effort is handicapped for lack of a suitable meeting place. We have an apt little tradition for that, neatly phrased about as follows: "The Lord's work done in the Lord's way will never lack the Lord's supply." True enough, but how does the Lord supply? Is it by raining dollars from the heaven? No. It is usually by His touching the hearts of His people and through their hearts their pocketbooks. And how does He do that?

He does it by an Agabus, led by the Spirit. He does it by a Paul telling the church at Corinth about the generosity of the churches of Macedonia and telling the Macedonians about the liberality of the Corinthians in supplying the needs of poor saints. He does it by a Titus following through to see that a determination to give is carried out by actual giving. He does it by those interested in specific gospel enterprises frankly mentioning the financial problems involved. He does it by interested sisters banding themselves together under such names as "Workers Together" and deliberately prying into the needs on the mission fields to learn what they can do to have practical fellowship in the work of the Lord, and then by doing with a will what they find needs to be done. He does it by word of mouth, and by publications such as this learning of the need and passing it on to readers.

It is well to do the work of the Lord and to publish the accounts of missionary projects with dignity. But when the Lord has to choose, as it were, between accounts which deliberately avoid mention of needs known to exist, and uninhibited, even undignified, heart-felt appeals for help for the needs of others, whether the poor among us or the workers, we believe He will prefer the latter.

This is no plea for sufferance of promiscuous and ill-advised appeals for uninvestigated enterprises that may prove unworthy of support. But it is to suggest that we re-think the matter of our responsibilities, and that we be tolerant and slow to criti-

cize those who, when touched in heart by needs, undertake to do all they can to help, both by their own giving and by stirring up others to contribute.

"Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea: which also they did and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul."

—Donald M. Taylor



GROUND BREAKING AT WATERTOWN, MASS.

The company of Christians known for 50 years as Boston's Cliff Street assembly, and which since the recent sale of their property, has met in Payson Hall, Belmont, started on July 12 the first phase of construction of the Mount Auburn Gospel Center.

The new building will be on Mount Auburn Street at Bates Road in Watertown.

The assembly's history dates back to the early 1870's.

Participating in the ground breaking ceremony are, in the foreground, the following elders, from left: Albert Riley, Charles Robinson, James Stevenson and Edward Wilson. In background are other members of the assembly.

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EXPANSION: THE NEW TESTAMENT WAY

By Henry Petersen

From time to time articles in *Letters Of Interest* magazine have called attention to the failure of assemblies to expand our testimony. Years of apathy and smugness, lack of exercise and competent leadership have taken their toll.



Expansion and consolidation should be the primary goals of every aggressive assembly. Our chief concern in this article is with the first of these two objectives, expansion. That we have signally failed here is obvious. Apart from general laxity and lethargy of the Church at large, one of the chief causes of failure has been complete dependence upon the public preaching of the Word to the almost complete exclusion of personal witnessing. Much has been said and written about failure to consolidate our gains. Lack of pastors and pastoral work is everywhere lamented with little relief in sight.

This defect was not so obvious some years ago when there was still an ear for the gospel and a fairly good number could be gathered in a gospel meeting. Today, however, it is evident large gospel campaigns are on the wane. Many evangelists now take only regular meetings. It is well-nigh impossible to get the unconverted out on week nights. Very few are even present on Sunday nights. Is there a way out of this dilemma? Yes, indeed. A second look at first century methods will show us, if we care to follow. The amazing growth of the early church was due to the great flood of vocal witnesses. See the 120 witnessing in Acts 2, before the big fisherman cast in his net. Note the scattered believers at Antioch "preaching the word" (not formal preaching but a general testimony)—Vine). See the result of Paul's visit to Antioch of Pisi-

dia: "And so the word of the Lord scattered and spread throughout the whole region" (Acts 13:49, Amp. N. T.). Paul could say to the Thessalonians, "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord... In every place your faith... is spread abroad so that we need not to speak anything." ("So we [find that we] never need to tell people anything [further about it]") I Thess. 1:8 (Amp. N. T.). They were all propagators. They "peddled the gospel" as diligently as the hawkers in the market place. Is it any wonder that multitudes were swept into the kingdom? It is a sobering fact that the only thing remotely comparable to this First Century method today is that used by the Mormons and the Jehovah's Witnesses—and with spectacular results. As we stand idly by with the Acts of the Apostles in our hands the acts of the apostates reap the harvest.

In recent years, with the building of many new chapels across America and Canada, there has been an upsurge of interest in the local community. The cold attitude of "Come and get it," has been replaced by the warm "Go and tell it" commission of Christ. It is refreshing to see in some assemblies that what was once "truth on ice" is now becoming "truth on fire." But how did this come about?

With fine chapels being built in new housing communities it was thought people would flock in. We even accommodated the community by changing the hour of worship and arranging a Family Bible Hour at 11:00 a.m. when 80% of those who attend church on Sundays usually come. But still they did not come in any numbers. Then we became alarmed. We had only large buildings with big debts. One brother remarked, "We felt like a few marbles rattling around in a shoe box." What could be done? At long last a second look was given to early church methods, and where the matter was taken seriously blessing beyond all expectation followed.

Some years ago a rather formal church in Minneapolis caught fire. The interior was completely gutted. A statue of Christ which had graced the altar for years was placed on the front walk during repairs. Two business men passed the statue and one remarked, "Well, at last this church has brought Christ out on the street where people can see Him." This was the secret of the first era of Christianity. Christ was placed before the people where He could be seen, where the people were; not a Christ of stone but a risen Christ who could meet the needs of the man on the street who then, as now, was reaching out for something to satisfy the heart. Men today reach for the bottle or for dope or pills. What a pity that we wait for them to come into our chapels and halls before we put Christ within their reach.

Our buildings may not be out of reach, but our message, our influence, is completely out of reach of multitudes in our communities. Only when the reach becomes greater than the grasp will we be like the brethren Christ taught to be "fishers of men." We do not speak disparagingly of the public preaching of the Word. "O, for a thousand tongues," vibrant with power, to declare the message from the platform! Our mistake has been to depend upon this *one method* to reach the community. This was not the "pattern shown in the mount" by the Savior when He gave His great commission on Olivet. Neither did the early church entertain the thought that men could be reached only by public preaching. They had no Bibles, books or booklets, no presses, prestige or popularity, no colleges, choirs or choruses, no chapels, churches or cathedrals. They simply witnessed everywhere they went.

Not only does dependence upon public preaching limit the Word to a fraction of the masses but most of those who do attend such services leave with questions unanswered. Speaking generally, much pulpit preaching is vague, false, misleading and distorted. Many listen with minds blunted by sin and ignorant because of unbelief. Many others are confused by and victims

of false cults. It is obvious that these and other conditions create a mental block preventing the entrance of further truth. Only personal contact can remove this difficulty. The account of Philip and the eunuch is a case in point. His visit to Jerusalem and to the temple had left his question unanswered: "Of whom speaketh the prophet this, of himself or of some other man?" Philip's direct contact discovered and dislodged the mental block. "He went on his way rejoicing." Multitudes are still saying, "How can I (understand what I read or hear) except some man should guide me?" Only personal contact, Bible in hand, with a dedicated believer, will reach men.

Letters of Interest desires to devote a page each month to such questions and suggestions as:

What really is the Great Commission?
How can an assembly best reach the community?

How is a survey taken?

What about a spot survey prior to purchase of a chapel site?

How are prospects found?

How can help be enlisted?

How can workers be trained?

Assemblies which carry on regular visitation are invited to send reports. Brief testimonies of people saved through visitation are requested and will be published. Suggestions and discussion will be encouraged.

Do you have a suggestion for a suitable title for this page?

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

In considering the thoughtful articles in *LETTERS OF INTEREST* recently and the methods advocated and reported by others, we have thought how those attending our chapel were moved to come. In every case someone made personal contact. Reading the account of those who were drawn to follow the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:35-51) we find that John, an unnamed disciple, Andrew, Peter, Philip, and Nathanael were persuaded, with the exception of John the Baptist and Philip, by personal contact. —Ed Ridley

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON OUR TESTIMONY

By Dr. A. C. Hill

The editors of *Letters of Interest* must be gratified at the response to the article, "Some Thoughts on our Testimony Today," in the March issue. Letters have been received from many parts of North America and from several mission fields; from students at school and from veterans of over 60 years assembly experience.

The replies that I have seen have all been most encouraging. Especially heartening were the many letters received from young men now in training with a view to full-time Christian service. They show that many of the Lord's people are giving intelligent thought to the weaknesses and strengths of our testimony. The criticisms have without exception been constructive. Surely this widespread response is an indication that the Lord, the Holy Spirit, is exercising many hearts along these lines. We should not be pessimistic about the "assembly testimony." The Lord is still stirring us up.

The paragraphs that follow are an attempt to sum up the comments and criticisms contained in the letters we received, many of them from full time workers. Following each topic, the suggestions made to correct weaknesses will be listed.

The place of itinerant ministry

We have too many preachers making the rounds of the larger, conveniently situated assemblies. Some large assemblies receive far more outside ministry than they need, while smaller assemblies are often neglected. It seems probable, from the scriptures, that the majority of preachers and teachers should be engaged in a local, pastoral ministry.

Some workers are called to an itinerant service, especially evangelists, and gifted Bible teachers. Even they should spend a longer period of time in each assembly than is now the practice, if they are to come to know the people and minister to their needs.

Suggestions

The larger assemblies, which usually contain the more experienced believers, should encourage the scriptural principle of a sustained, edifying ministry. These assemblies can do much towards discouraging the "grand tour" type of preaching, where the traveling preacher goes from assembly, to assembly, spending one day or so in each.

Workers who are willing to go to the smaller and needier assemblies should be supported financially by the larger centers. This is work especially suited to the younger preacher, who should also be counseled and directed by the elders of the older assemblies.

The place of pastoral ministry

Practically every letter emphasized the need for more pastoral work in all our assemblies. It is simply not being done as it should be by local elders. One elder of a large and active assembly wrote:

"I pointed out that the eight elders are men who are busy at work all day, returning home around 6:30 or 7:00 at night. Several live at a distance from this village; hence they simply cannot be expected to do the job (as pastors) properly."

There is general agreement that the local leaders of most of our assemblies are busy professional or business men and that the tempo of our North American way of living is such that these men cannot carry on the business of the assembly, settle its spiritual problems, do their proper share of personal Bible study, teaching and preaching, and still do adequate visitation in the assembly and among its contacts.

We accept the full-time evangelist and teacher. Why not the full-time pastor? It is evident that many interested souls slip away from us, and many new converts eventually join other churches, because our assemblies usually have no workers to care for the contacts as should be done.

Suggestions

As above, to encourage pastoral work

and a sustained ministry. A teaching-pastor would not necessarily confine himself to one assembly. Perhaps he could serve a certain area containing more than one assembly. Such a man should give spiritual leadership and direction to an assembly.

A Spirit-led pastor would develop local gift, not choke it off. In the Sherbrooke area, there are four English-speaking assemblies (two of them very small) and three other Sunday school efforts. There are two full-time workers associated with these activities, so that there is plenty of opportunity for the development of gift in the local churches.

In Rosemount, Montreal, the believers get together on a Tuesday night for a brief time of prayer and then spend the evening visiting in homes of Sunday school children. Several families have been saved as a result of these visits.

An honored brother from a distinguished "assembly family" writes: "We know as a matter of observation that God has richly blessed the ministry of His servants who have remained in one location, ministering both the gospel and the truth of the Church."

A younger brother, also of wide experience writes: "I have just returned from nine weeks in South America where we saw a good deal of encouragement, and where assembly mission work in many places was excellent. In every instance there was a resident pastor who was also a real leader of the local church."

The place of formal training and education

It is fully realized that all gifts are of God and can only be used profitably under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Those who are so gifted by the Holy Spirit are urged to stir up the gift that is in them, and to study to show themselves approved.

Not all full-time workers are called to be "scholars" but some are! Surely the Christian ministry is a more noble calling than business or medicine! Surely our young men with college training, who are called to the Lord's work, should not have to

become denominational ministers in order to exercise their gifts and training.

All the truth was not discovered by J. N. Darby, William Kelly, F. W. Grant or even H. A. Ironside. (I honor and read them all) God has yet much light to break forth out of His Word. We have not yet arrived at the final truth!

It is to be feared that some of the original men who were used of the Lord to found the "brethren movement," though themselves real Bible scholars, discouraged those who followed them from seeking higher education. We are reaping the sad harvest of this mistaken zeal today.

Suggestions

The effort to get a broader education, including Hebrew and Greek, is in itself a worthwhile discipline for any capable worker. Our preachers should be as well trained as our school teachers, surely! Many of our workers have lacked this sort of discipline and come under heavy criticism by Christians in business and professions, who believe they work much harder than these preachers. And sometimes they are very right.

So our gifted young men should be encouraged to get all the training possible for the Lord's work. The Paul-Timothy relationship between older and younger workers should be revived.

Generally speaking, biblical knowledge is not as great as it should be in our assemblies. Regular Bible studies of a solid nature, possibly using Emmaus courses, are recommended for all assemblies.

A Bible teacher, well known in assemblies on both sides of the border, recently wrote: "The standard of ministry in the assemblies will not be raised until men, who have 24 hours of the day at their disposal, apply themselves to a diligent searching of the scriptures; and until such men engage in real expository and doctrinal teaching."

The place of supervision of work and workers

Just as there is general agreement regarding the need for a great deal more

pastoral ministry, so there is a general fear of committees, delegations, "teams," etc. This is a just fear. All Christian communities started in simplicity and by the adoption of human expedients became the denominational systems that are known today. We fear to take the first step down this "one-way street"; there is no turning back.

Here again we must be scriptural and therefore moderate in our action, not rejecting what is right because we fear it may get out of hand. There are several pertinent considerations.

(a) It is evident from Acts 6:3; 8:15; 11:12; 13:13; 15:2, 22, etc., that committees, delegations and teams were part of the apostolic practice. It is also evident that workers were held to be responsible for their actions, and answerable to "the apostles and elders" (Acts 9:27; 11:1 ff; 14:26 ff; 15:6 ff.).

(b) It is also evident that in the missionary and evangelical revival of the last 150 years the vast majority of the work has been done through numberless committees and organizations of various sorts. God has honored their work. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

(c) Our own assemblies practice it with apparent benefit. I have been told that in both the North of Ireland and the Glasgow district, two great missionary-sending regions, would-be missionaries must obtain not only a local commendation, but the commendation of a committee (?) of older, informed brethren of the whole area. This has been very necessary in Quebec. Small, inexperienced assemblies cannot make certain decisions; their judgment regarding "missionary candidates" is often unreliable. The parent church must often help newer churches in important decisions. We have also accepted the need for committees and recognized officers in our Sunday schools, children's camps, conference grounds, old people's homes, civil incorporations, etc. Surely if some recognized authority is needed for these lesser things, the need is all the greater in the more important task of evangelism and teaching the church.

The need for a spiritual check on these committees is granted at once. Committees should not be self-perpetuating but re-appointed or abolished as the need arises or disappears. All should be done after definite waiting upon the Lord (Acts 6:1-6).

(d) Workers do need supervision. The experience of Mark is not uncommon today. Sometimes a Peter needs to be corrected or even withstood to his face. Legalists and others must still be admonished by the "apostles and elders."

Many problems are reduced to the question of whether or not an assembly has scripturally recognized elders and deacons. When the proper development of a local church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit has produced capable elders and deacons, there is no disputing where authority in the assembly lies. If there is no proper government in the church then there, as elsewhere, there will be lack of decision and direction.

Suggestions

These have almost all been embodied in the statement of the problem. We must steer clear of developing a clerical class or an officialdom. We must always insist that godly experience and knowledge must be able to find expression "decently and in order." Older and experienced brethren should come together to advise young prospective workers of all kinds. They can be called a committee or not, as long as they do the work.

The question of financial support

Several stated that they do not need to "travel around," but have been supported in an essentially pastoral ministry. Doubtless there are others who could say the same thing.

Most preachers, to quote one hard-working pioneer, must "keep-going to keep on living."

The only solution to this is that we must simply give more. We must reduce our expensive way of living, so that the Lord's servants may have a decent living.

I would like to quote an aged brother

again, whose writings are much valued by the Lord's people: "The Bible teaches that those who serve the gospel should live by the gospel, and our Lord said that a servant was worthy of his hire. Unfortunately, these clear statements have been ignored or even denied by many brethren. Such have taken the Apostle Paul as the rule of service; but Paul himself said that he was not the rule but the exception. His former enmity to Christ and his conversion by a divine Christophany made it obligatory for him to preach the gospel. But as he desired a reward in the day of Christ, he decided not to be supported by the brethren as were Peter and others, but to labor with his own hands and make the gospel without cost to those to whom he ministered. This has been assumed to be the Lord's pattern today, which is a mistake. Paul's action was a rare exception to the rule that Christian workers should be supported by those to whom they ministered.

Basic considerations

We cannot have New Testament churches without New Testament Christians. It all can be reduced to that.

I submit that New Testament Christians were:

(1) *Prayerful people.* They knew what it was to wait upon God. In a New Testament assembly the leaders at least must be men who know what it is to walk with God. Is not this a rare condition? One worker, quoted above, has bluntly said: "Our leaders are either successful business men, woefully ignorant of the scriptures and essentially unspiritual, or hide-bound traditionalists who think we have everything because we have a form of sound words and a certain ecclesiastical position."

(2) *Instructed in the Word.* Again this is a matter for the shepherds of the flock to make sure about. Christians must be fed meat as well as the milk of the Word and they must learn to dig in the Word of themselves.

(3) *Filled by the Spirit*—the kind of men who turned the world upside down. It is hard for the Spirit to get past our de-

sire to be respected by the community. We must be willing to be of no reputation so that we may have the mind of Christ and the power of the Spirit.

(4) *Unselfish and generous.* New Testament Christians sat lightly to the things of this world. Surely our expensive homes, luxurious cars, TV sets, etc. are a shame to us, when the Lord's servants and the Lord's work suffer from lack of funds.

The Lord of the Harvest will certainly supply the need of all His servants, when the believers through whom He works are clean channels and vessels fit for the Master's use.

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CORRECTION

West Hillhurst Gospel Hall was incorrectly shown in our July-August issue as West Hillhurst Gospel Chapel, in connection with a change of correspondent.

WITH THE LORD

Erich Sauer

On December 31, 1958, Mr. Erich Sauer completed his 60th year. Two months later, on February 25, 1959, the Lord called him to Himself. His life is an eloquent testimony to what the grace of God can make of a man open and surrendered to its working.

The words, "I will guide thee with mine eye," were the lodestone of his life. He owed much to his mother, the development of his own inward life being inseparably bound up with her spiritual development. She belonged to the "Christian Fellowship" in the Hohenstaufenstrasse in Berlin, the home assembly of the Bible College which was founded there in 1905 and moved to Wiedenest in 1919. The coming and going of numerous men of God belonging to different Christian circles left a deep impression, and a deep interest in missionary activity was encouraged by the visits of many missionaries.

Erich Sauer, shortly before his fourteenth birthday, surrendered his life to the Lord, and from this point his life was devoted to intensive Bible study, eager attendance at meetings, and an ardent testimony in the school, on the street and in the assembly. While listening to a talk by a missionary from China he felt a call to the Lord's service which despite manifold inward spiritual conflicts never wavered. He continued his studies in history, English and theology at the University of Berlin. All his life he was conscious of his indebtedness to his father, who through the greatest sacrifice and despite small earnings, made this education possible.

While at the University Erich Sauer experienced a severe crisis. Through preoccupation with philosophy he was seized by serious doubts as to whether one could know anything at all about God and His existence. But God showed him the root of his drifting away. With all his service for Him he had neglected prayer and fellowship with the Lord Himself and as a result became incapable of resisting the enemy.

Brought back into fellowship with God, not all his problems theoretically solved, he gained a liberating and abiding insight: God is not to be known through our understanding, but through the living experience of faith. Absolute submission to the authority of scripture with the definite rejection of all negative biblical criticism were the practical conclusions which resulted from those conflicts of his students days. Yet he knew that faith has nothing to fear from clear and honest thinking, nor from true science.

In those years he experienced another crisis which was to be of decisive importance. He was handicapped from birth by extreme myopia and when he was thirteen an eye-specialist warned his parents against any occupation which would demand much reading and writing. He advised him to take up gardening. But God was preparing him for a different task. After his first year at the University of Berlin he suffered a serious eye disorder and a serious hemorrhage of the retina occurred in his fourth year, so he began to learn Braille. Johannes Warns, then principal of the Bible College, invited him to Wiedenest in 1920. Here Erich Sauer spent 40 years of his life, in much reading and writing, intensive study and strenuous teaching, with an eye condition which daily caused him to feel his utter dependence upon the Lord! Erich Sauer was a very special testimony to the grace of God.

In 1931, *The Purpose and Goal of the Creation of Man* was published; in 1937, *The Dawn of World Redemption* and *The Triumph of the Crucified*; in 1939 *On the Nobility of Man*; in 1953, *In the Arena of Faith*; and in 1955, *From Eternity to Eternity*. These books have also appeared in English, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, in two African languages, and in Japanese. Translations into French and Spanish are also being prepared. Right up to the day of his homecall Erich Sauer was putting the final touches to his last book, *The King of Earth: A Testimony to the Nobility of Man*.

according to the Bible and Science. More than 220,000 copies of these books have been published, and so Erich Sauer was not only a teacher in Wiedenest and through lectures here and there in the assemblies and at conferences, but also continues to teach a large circle of God's children.

Mr. Sauer traveled in almost all European countries, in North America and the countries of the Bible, Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, Greece and Italy.

After Johannes Warns passed away in 1937, Erich Sauer took over the direction of Wiedenest. To his co-workers and students he was a fatherly friend, and a great means of blessing as an elder in the local assembly. Great was his mind, but still greater his heart! For 25 years he enjoyed a richly blessed marriage with the youngest daughter of the first principal of the Bible

college, Christoph Koehler. She was in everything, and particularly on account of his poor sight, an indispensable fellow-laborer. They had one daughter, Ursula.

Despite being increasingly hampered by his poor sight and, more recently, by heart-trouble, he was able to serve his Lord right up to the very end. Then, suddenly, a particularly severe heart attack came upon him. In his thoughtful and loving manner he comforted his wife and daughter with the words, "Even if it should happen very quickly, the Lord does all things well." After a moment of relief he breathed deeply and said in thanksgiving, "What a wonderful blessing." Then he bowed to one side and was with the Lord. Now he can see Him, whom he always proclaimed with such freshness and vigor, with new eyes.

—Ernest Schrupp

WESTERN HOME HAS WAITING LIST

An interesting and encouraging report was presented June 6 at a quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Western Assemblies Home for Aged Christians, by Mr. James O. Ross, Superintendent.

The Home at Claremont, California, is filled, though the Lord this year has taken Home two former guests—Miss Anna Fischer, missionary to China for some 34 years, and Mr. Edward McKelley. The climate of Claremont is especially suitable for older people and the Home, with its 10,000 square feet of floor space all on one level, is most convenient.

The infirmary, supervised by a registered nurse and with "round the clock" care by a staff of five nurses, is an outstanding asset. Six guests are in the infirmary at present but one bed is always maintained for emergencies. Several guests receive some nursing care although not assigned to the infirmary.

There is a waiting list of applicants for residence in the home, two of whom have been accepted and are waiting for a vacancy. This fact should not discourage

any who are interested from submitting an application, however, for the situation changes from time to time and some tentative plans to provide more room are under consideration.

The Western Assemblies Home was established to provide a home with Christian fellowship for those who are past 65 years of age. Guests who need such a home are received at a rate based on their ability to pay and life care contracts are available. These may be cancelled if it becomes desirable to do so. The requirements are that all applicants must have the recommendation of their home assembly and must fit into the group now in the Home.

Although the Home was not planned primarily as a missionary home, it has been our privilege to provide a place for several who have spent their lives serving the Lord in the mission field. Miss Ida Last and Miss Margaret Last, formerly missionaries to Grenada, British West Indies, spent the closing years of their lives here. Miss Anna Fischer, who was commended from Germany in 1913 to the work of the Lord in

China, came to the Western Assemblies Home in June, 1949, and went home to be with the Lord from there on January 11, 1959.

Mr. William Maitland, who was born June 12, 1872, and who spent many years of faithful and fruitful service in Angola, Portuguese West Africa, came to the Home on November 5, 1953. He is nearing the moment when he shall hear the call of the One he has served so long, requiring constant nursing care. We are thankful that he is being cared for so lovingly, and that he is not aware that he has been forgotten by most of the Lord's people except for his home assembly in Chicago, and the Missionary Study Class of Chicago.

Miss Hildur Ekman, who was born in Sweden and served the Lord many years in India, came to the Home on February 7, 1959. On June 5, 1959, we were signally honored when Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deans arrived directly from the field in Belgian Congo to join the Western Assemblies Home family. They are a real asset.

In addition to the above missionaries, Mr. Inglis Fleming, who served the Lord in England, Canada and the United States, spent some time as a guest in the Home before going to live with his sons. The Board, the Staff, and all the friends of the Western Assemblies Home are thankful for the privilege of serving those who belong to Christ.

—William N. Bush
Publicity Committee

COMMENDATIONS

Daniel H. Smith

The Maplewood Gospel Hall, 7138 Southwest Ave., St. Louis, Missouri, commends Daniel H. Smith to the work of the Lord at the Emmaus Bible School, Chicago, Illinois.

Daniel Smith expects to serve the Lord in a teaching ministry and in other ways as the Lord may lead. He and his wife Martha are in fellowship at Maplewood.

June Pevitt

Christians meeting in the Name of the

Lord Jesus Christ at Eramosa Road Gospel Chapel, Guelph, Ontario, commend to full-time service in the Lord's work, Miss June Pevitt, who went to the Republic of Argentina in May 1958 as an employed nurse-missionary to learn the language and prepare for full-time service.

She is no longer self-supporting but is looking to the Lord alone through His people, for her maintenance.

The letter is signed by six brethren.

Daniel C. Snaddon

The brethren of West Street Gospel Hall Assembly, Orillia, Ontario, Canada, have commended Daniel C. Snaddon to the work of the Lord in full time service.

Mr. Snaddon has been concerned about such service from the time that he was a prisoner in a Japanese concentration camp.

Melvin G. Wistner

"The saints who gather to His Name at Terrill Road Bible Chapel, Plainfield, N. J., commend Melvin G. Wistner to full-time Christian service. Mr. and Mrs. Wistner went out as missionaries to Puerto Rico in 1946 but for health reasons returned in 1948. Brother Wistner continued to labor in the New York Spanish work, especially among the Puerto Ricans, and with the New York Bible Society, distributing scriptures in Spanish.

"He now plans to devote his time to service for the Lord among the assemblies. He will be engaged in children's work, conducting series of gospel meetings. They will also continue children's summer camp work and daily vacation Bible schools. He hopes to spend time in visitation in the vicinity of the new chapel here and also to continue to give time to the Spanish work among the assemblies in New York City and Brooklyn.

"Brother Wistner is well known and highly esteemed among all the assemblies in the Metropolitan area of New York."

The letter is signed by five brethren.

A TALK ABOUT A MAP AND A MEETING

This is neither an editorial nor a news story nor an announcement. It is just a talk, but not just to be talking.

Two and a half years ago *Letters Of Interest* published a map indicating that in the United States there are two states, 2752 counties and 120,337 cities, towns and villages where insofar as the assemblies as we know them are concerned there is no testimony to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Need we add that doubtless there are faithful evangelical witnesses in most of these communities, for which we are glad.

This map and the accompanying statistics were published to arouse us to our failures and to such action as the Lord of the harvest would by His Word and by His Spirit direct us to take.

The situation has not improved a great deal in those two and a half years, but there has been some betterment. Here and there a few new testimonies are springing up.

Never was there a time when the church had in this land more liberty than it has today. Never was there a time when there was less financial stringency among its members to handicap the furtherance of pioneer effort. Yet pioneering in this country lags for lack of workers and it may well be that workers lag for lack of support. To say that workers should go out in complete dependence on the Lord is to say only half the truth. Those of us who are gainfully employed and those who have other sources of income should, in response to the Word of God, be supplying the finances and facilities necessary for pioneering. And all assemblies should be doing around their areas the pioneering only a few are doing.

What's to be done? Just this especially for the present: The 22nd annual Workers' Conference convenes November 5, 6 and 7 at Des Moines, Iowa. It has a thoughtfully, prayerfully prepared agenda of topics for discussion, largely centering around pioneering. However, this agenda is only a suggestion to give the conference a point of focus, and to keep discussion moving forward instead of around in an unprofitable circle. This agenda can be set aside in whole or in part if the cause of pioneering the gospel we are obligated to propagate can thereby be furthered. We believe the convenors will gladly do this if there is definite leading of the Spirit.

This conference is for all who are active in and concerned about the work of the Lord, whether elders, commended workers or others.

What is to be done? *Let every brother who has concern for the gospel, for the millions of unsaved in the land, for the propagation of the truths we believe, make a sincere effort to attend.* And let each one prepare by prayer and meditation for the conference. If we do God is sure to bless. The time is short. The fields are ripe.

Let us attend this conference in such numbers we will swamp the dear brethren at Des Moines. They will be more delighted than dismayed. However, let us also be reasonable enough to send them as much advance notice as we can that we are coming. Write to: James S. Green, 2319 Capitol Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

Letters

Edited by W. G. McCartney

LLOYD BALLHAGEN Tylertown, Miss.

Two brethren from my home state are expected to arrive here soon and will help me in some meetings in the hall, D.V.

In spite of a solid and continued interest among the unsaved, we have seen no conversions recently.

J. W. BRAMHALL 2309 Commonwealth Ave., Charlotte 5, N.C.

June was spent ministering the Word in Charlotte with the assembly; then followed two weeks of ministry among our Indian saints near Pembroke, enjoying the truths of our Lord's return. Souls were under conviction and we continue to pray there will be some turning to the Lord and being saved through the Word given.

VENUS BROOKS P.O. Box 224, Pembroke, N. C.

I spent a very profitable season with the saints at Eastern Gospel Chapel, Baltimore, Md., and the Lord blessed our hearts as ministry was given in relation to the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord opened a door near Hill City, Kansas for gospel services which began July 26. We value the intercession of saints in every place.

TOM CARROLL 56 Plateau Cres., Don Mills, Ont.

I have been giving a month at a time to each of various assemblies in the Toronto area the past year. During July I am engaged in conference ministry, open-air preaching, and plan a short tour into Quebec to survey the field and encourage the saints there. In August, I am in Richvale, Ont. for the entire month.

I have enjoyed my stay in these parts the past two years, and the brethren would like me to continue in Toronto. But an impression grows with me that the Lord's place for me is back in the San Francisco-Oakland area of California. Accordingly, at the end of August I am taking leave of the brethren in these parts, whose encouragement to me as a novice in the work has been tremendous.

As I proceed to the Pacific Coast I earnestly request the prayers of saints that God will open unto me doors of utterance.

ANDREW CRAIG P.O. Box 12, Fair Lawn, New Jersey

I have been ministering to saints and preaching the gospel in assemblies within reach of home at Lord's Day and mid-week meetings. The meetings are fairly well attended for vacation months, and the help given is appreciated.

My brother David is a little improved in health, but still unable for active service.

WELCOME DETWEILER 415 N. Hyde Park Ave., Durham, N. C.

We witnessed seven follow the Lord in the waters of baptism recently.

At present we are busy preparing for the annual DVBS which demands about 75 workers to handle the 600 or more children. Lionel Hunt will be speaking to the school-age children at the gospel hour.

We also expect Brother Hunt to remain a few nights to conduct evening children's meetings.

ARTHUR W. DEWHURST Box 1541, Walnut Hill, Petersburg, Va.

We are back in our trailer once again after a visit home in Massachusetts. While at home we were happy to be a part of the Cliftondale Assembly DVBS staff. We had two happy weeks there, bringing the gospel story to the older group, and helping a bit with the craft work. Mrs. Dewhurst brought the smaller children the message each day while the older group was engaged in craft work led by Thomas Graham. Brother Graham is "sparking" the

youth activities of the assembly and is getting good results. Those able and qualified are giving him hearty support in this most important work. Several professed faith in Christ during the DVBS effort. For this all glory to God.

I was able to visit some of the assemblies in New England during our stay. It was good to see so many still pursuing, even against the enemy's attempts to discourage and annoy.

One married man professed faith at Attleboro. After the meeting he told me that he did not have any assurance of sins forgiven and would like to be able to know that he had eternal life. Such cases, when honest, are made to order, and it is simply a matter of getting to the Word of God to see what He says. He left definitely assured that he was saved.

Now we are scheduled to help at Victoria, Va., for an entire month during the absence of Brother Wm. Oglesby.

ROGER DUPONT

P.O. Box 223, Granby, P. Q.

We are now fully occupied in the work of the gospel with open air meetings, visitation in the country, summer camps, etc. We had our French camp at Frontier Lodge July 1 to 11, with some 60 teenagers for the whole camp and 100 for the weekend. This is a great opportunity to preach the Word of God to the young.

We also see ahead the possibility of extending our French radio broadcast. Grace and Truth Radio Broadcast intends to cover Quebec Province and France with a French gospel program. I prepared some recorded tapes and requests have been made to many stations. Let us pray for favorable replies and the blessing of the Lord upon this project to send the powerful message of the gospel to the multitude of French people.

JOHN ELLIOTT

1030 So. Crutcher St., Springfield, Mo.

I am helping Brother Milo Vande Krol in the Albia, Iowa, vicinity in July and August in a gospel effort.

After some exercise before God we have

commenced a radio broadcast here in Springfield. In this way we hope to be able to reach more with the gospel. We know of some who have listened to the broadcast who have never responded to an invitation to come to one of our gospel meetings.

JOHN GOVAN

14530 Forrer Ave., Detroit 27, Mich.

I am in New England for a short season having a few meetings in Bridgeport, Hartford, etc.

R. T. HALLIDAY

P.O. Box 4181, Station A., San Antonio, Tex.

Since the death of my beloved wife and partner I no longer feel it to be the will of God that I should continue in the work among the Mexican children and I have decided to leave San Antonio whenever I can locate a suitable couple to take over the work and purchase my home with adjoining hall. I will sell the property at a great reduction for the gospel's sake rather than let it be used for secular purposes or fall into the hands of one of the fanatical religious sects that abound.

Many of our Mexican families have gone for the summer to Michigan and elsewhere to work in the fields but will return for the reopening of the schools.

HAROLD M. HARPER

136 Livingston St., Buffalo 13, N. Y.

We spent three weeks in the Chambersburg, Pa., area and saw three men saved in Hagerstown, Md., at the Mission. In Chambersburg some five or six seemed to lay hold of Christ. Two of these were baptized at Greenwood Hills Conference grounds near by.

I was privileged to give help at Greenwood Hills Bible Conference along with Brethren A. P. Gibbs and August Van Ryn. We had a happy time there and then visited a new assembly near Beaver Falls, Pa., the result of our Brother Ted Payne's ministry.

After this I came to Cincinnati, Ohio, to labor with Brother John McGehee. It was a pleasure to minister to this compara-

tively new assembly in this great city. We have been challenged by the need in this area.

GEORGE HOEKSTRA

11137 S. Normal Ave., Chicago, Ill.

We are in Black Capes on the Gaspé coast, having special gospel meetings nightly and DVBS during the day, following a good two-day conference July 4 and 5.

The people are coming out well and it is a joy to preach the gospel to hungry souls. At the last day of the conference there were 80 cars in the yard and many cars on the highway, and more heard the gospel via loud speakers than were in the Gospel Hall. A rough estimate was 500.

From here we go to Carlisle for meetings and DVBS. We long to see blessing as a result of these meetings and seek an interest in the prayers of the Lord's people to that end.

ALEX IRVINE

Black Capes, Quebec, Canada

This month has been a busy one on the Gaspé Peninsula. Our two-day conference was well attended, and large numbers heard the gospel over our P. A. system. Following this conference we had two weeks of special meetings with Brother George Hoekstra.

We have just finished our daily vacation Bible school at which we had over 90 children for a three-hour session each morning. This presented a good opportunity to sow the good seed in young hearts.

ELGIE B. JAMISON

320 28th St. S.W., Mason City, Iowa

Brother Wm. Warke, is to join me in gospel meetings in two different places near us where there is interest. One young girl professed July 4 and we are to have a baptism soon (D. V.). An army man who professed faith went into a book store to buy some literature as he wanted to know more about the Bible, and unknowingly, purchased "The Pentateuch," by C. H. M., and is now gathering to His Name.

WALTER JENSEN

2033 Grand Street, Scotch Plains, N. J.

At present I am working with a fine staff of teachers at Maplewood, N. J., with their DVBS. To date four youngsters have made a profession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and it is encouraging as we have not made any appeal.

Many assemblies are being visited for regular services and local visitation is ever an open field. We go to the Mid-South Conference near Nashville in August.

DAVID KIRK

131 Dufferin St., Hamilton, Ont., Canada

We leave now for the Timmins (Ontario) district, some 400 miles north of us here, and hope to spend the month with the assemblies in that area, helping as the Lord permits.

I had a busy three-week visit to the assemblies of Pottstown, Paterson and Bridgeport. In spite of the heat some nights there was evidenced a keen and much-appreciated interest on the part of the saints in the Word.

STANLEY LEDYARD

P.O. Box 43, Nottawa, Mich.

During a recent five-week trip I ministered in Knox and Plainfield, Indiana; Champaign, Springfield, Peoria, and Belleville, Illinois; Valley Park, Mo. (near St. Louis); Garnett, 12th St. Gospel Hall, and Overland Park Bible Chapel, Kansas; Omaha, Nebraska; Greenfield, Lyman, Ottumwa, Centerville, and Letts, Iowa. I do get extremely weary of body and suffer quite a bit of pain as a result of my heart condition but it is cheering that the Lord opens these doors and enables me to make these trips alone.

ROBERT J. LITTLE

2023 74th Court, Elmwood Park 35, Ill.

I have had a quite heavy schedule between radio work and assembly meetings. Mrs. Little and I went to Greenwood Hills, Penna., for ministry the week of August 2 to 9.

HERMAN LUHM**892 Stewart St., Morgantown, W. Va.**

The Family Camp near Hinton was a time of real blessing under the ministry of Harold Harper and Walter Jensen. There is no question as to the profitability of Bible camps!

Worth Ellis gave us two weeks in the gospel here at Morgantown recently. The attendance was good, and the Lord blessed in the salvation of souls. One who professed was a woman over eighty. While this is unusual and a cause for thanksgiving, how much more thankful we ought to be for the younger ones who were saved, especially those in their teens.

Last week I helped in Burlington, N. C., with a DVBS. It was a large school, with evident help from the Lord. This week we are conducting one here in Morgantown and with an enrollment of about 75.

THOMAS JAMES LYTTLE**Box 229, Port Jervis, N. Y.**

We had a time of blessing among believers in parts of Ontario. We now go to Pine Bush Bible Camp in Orange Co., N. Y. Some are exercised about baptism.

HAROLD G. MACKAY**3714 Freeman Mill Rd., Greensboro, N. C.**

I had a week with a fine group of young people at Greenwood Hills, a most enjoyable, and I believe profitable time. It came as an outgrowth of a weekend young people's conference held annually at Baltimore, and was well planned and conducted by Dr. Wm. Cunningham, Mr. Pierre Loizeaux and Dr. Carl Armerding. Lives seemed to be touched for God and there was keen interest in the classes, workshop, and discussion groups. It impressed me afresh with the need of giving special thought and attention to the growing number of young Christians in our assemblies.

The work goes on nicely in the Piedmont. Attendance is good in spite of extreme heat. Typical summer activities are getting into full swing; DVBS, conferences, and camps. May it prove a fruitful season for all engaging in such work everywhere.

W. B. MACKIE**6475 Clara Lee St., San Diego 20, Calif.**

We had a nice visit at Eugene, Oregon. God willing we hope to give the month of September to San Diego. Our schedule for the fall is Yakima, Sunnyside and Bellevue, Wash., and Seaside and Eugene, Oregon. In each place we will have two weeks for boys and girls.

STEPHEN MICK**1514 Wisconsin Ave., Boscobel, Wisc.**

I am going into some new places this summer with the gospel as the door opens. Kindly remember me at the Throne of grace that I may have His guidance.

Recently I visited Clyde, Ohio, and was happy to meet the young Christians there.

LOUIS MONTALVO**151 Noll St., Brooklyn 6, N. Y.**

We are busy with open air meetings, visitation, children's work, etc. I have been helping downtown (Third St.) where a new work has been started. We are able to gather in quite a few Spanish children. We trust they may be the means of winning their parents to the Lord.

The new assembly in Brooklyn is going on well. A few have professed to be saved and some are waiting to be baptized. The brethren in Paterson, N. J., invited me to speak in the Park on Sunday evening in Spanish and English. May the Lord open the door there also for a Spanish work.

WM. INGRAM**17 W. Pine St., Altadena, Calif.**

We are especially happy to be on the Canadian prairies and in western Canada again this Summer and fall, as last year we were under doctor's care for serious eye surgery.

We look forward to an active, busy season of preaching and ministering the Word, holding the line in some remote places, to let others off for a well earned rest.

My wife will find many open doors of service among the children, many of whom never get to a Sunday school.

CESARE PATRIZIO**224 W. Loudon St., Philadelphia 20, Pa.**

I spent five weeks at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. From here I went to Toronto, and had a few Italian meetings at the Ascot Gospel Hall.

JOHN REA**38 Blackfriars St., London, Ont.**

This summer I spent some time in Michigan visiting small assemblies and seeking to give a little help. I am now at Stirling, Ontario, and will go from here to Springbrook, Ont.

E. B. SPRUNT**371 Seventh Street East, Owen Sound, Ont.**

Earlier I gave help with DVBS work at Curtis Assembly in Detroit and at Westmount in Toronto. Attendance and interest were good and we were cheered by the number of parents who attended closing exercises.

Since then I have been able to visit South River, Barrie and Owen Sound assemblies in Ontario, and also some of the assemblies in the Philadelphia area.

C. ERNEST TATHAM**Box 355, Boca Raton, Fla.**

In addition to three weeks of ministry at Guelph Bible Conference Grounds, we taught the Word in several of the Ontario assemblies, including Oakville, Waterloo and Hawkesville, as well as Bendale Bible Chapel and Leaside Bible Chapel, Toronto. It was encouraging to note growth and development, and it is especially good to see the way the Lord has been leading the faithful group at Bendale, Toronto, in the erection of their new chapel.

On the Guelph Grounds daily morning children's meetings were held for three weeks, and without pressure over 60 professed faith in Christ. It was the most fruitful children's campaign that I have ever held.

At Leaside, Toronto, the Sunday evening Drive-in Services in a large shopping area, have attracted crowds of three to four hundred some Sunday evenings, and this testimony, now in its fourth year, has proven to be very effective in overcoming the usual summer slump.

AUGUST VAN RYN**390 W. 36th St., Hialeah, Fla.**

We have returned from the Greenwood Hills Conference, where we had a very happy time with the saints who gathered in fine numbers to the season's first conference. Brethren Alfred Gibbs and Harold Harper and I shared the ministry of the Word, with the always valuable addition of Brother George Landis' messages.

After a few weeks at home I expect to leave for Denver, Colo., and then for Portland, Vancouver, B. C., and the Pacific Coast as far as San Diego in the south.

Here in Miami and surroundings there is plenty to engage one's time and we thank God for a measure of blessing experienced here and there.

RAY ZANDER**Box 884, Key West, Fla.**

The Lord is working here in Richmond, Va., at present and there has been much to encourage. His presence was manifested in salvation and there was a baptism last Sunday. Also, some Christians have moved to this area and the assembly has been strengthened by their presence.

JOHN A. HORN**419 Smith St., Atchison, Kans.**

I had a profitable two months in Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska, also a few weeks in Atchison, Kansas, speaking on a chart of the Tabernacle.

I just made and sent some tape recordings to McCook, Nebraska. The brethren there have a weekly radio program.

NEW ADDRESSES

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BLUE RIDGE BIBLE CONFERENCE

The fifteenth annual Blue Ridge Bible Conference took place the week of July 4, with some 300 persons registering. The beautiful landscape and ample facilities were enjoyed by young and old alike and the conference ministry of T. Ernest Wilson, Adam Ferguson and Cecil Simms was most helpful.

Evangelist Billy Graham attended the closing service, his first in America after an extended tour.

Teen and college age young people have always come to Blue Ridge in large numbers and this year was no exception. The program for 1960 is set up with young people largely in mind. Details will be forthcoming later.

—Virgil Hollingsworth, Jr.

KANORADO, KANSAS Burlington Gospel Chapel

Christians gathering in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ at the Burlington Gospel Chapel are planning (D. V.) to hold their Eleventh Bible Conference October 9, 10, and 11, preceded by a prayer meeting on the 8th at 8:00 p.m.

Speakers expected are Thomas A. Hay of Vancouver, B. C.; O. E. Magee of Minneapolis, Minn.; and John Walden, Sr., of Colorado Springs, Colo. In charge of the children's meetings are Leonard C. Lindsted of Wichita, Kans., and Ben F. Parmer, of Burlington, Colo.

—Sam Morrow

DAVENPORT, IOWA Harrison Gospel Chapel, 3025 Harrison St.

We will have our annual conference, September 26 and 27, preceded by prayer meeting on Friday night the 25th. The

Christians here extend a warm welcome to all the Lord's people to be with us to enjoy the Word of God. Some of the speakers expected are Peter Pell, William Pell, and Bill Morgan. We would like to remind those coming from a distance that we are on daylight saving time.

—A. T. Livingston

DES MOINES, IOWA

The annual Sisters' Missionary Conference will be held (D.V.) October 15, 1959 at Central Gospel Chapel, 3200 Lincoln Ave., Des Moines, Iowa. Services will be held at 10:30, 2:30 and 7:00. Overnight accommodations can be arranged by writing to Mrs. Ray Johnson, 613 Maple Ave., Ankeny, Iowa.

HAMILTON, ONTARIO MacNab St. Gospel Hall

The 84th Annual Conference arranged by the MacNab St. and Queensdale Ave. assemblies at the Canadian Thanksgiving, October 10, 11 and 12, commences with a meeting for prayer at the MacNab Street Gospel Hall on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with the usual meetings following at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on the Lord's Day at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and on Monday at the same hours (Daylight Saving Time). A hearty invitation is extended to all of the Lord's people. We are looking to the Lord to send His servants to minister the Word of God in fellowship with Himself. Address all communications to G. P. Cesar, 721 Kingsway Drive, Burlington, Ontario, and to R. J. North, 17 Kings' Forest Drive, Hamilton, Ontario.

KANORADO, KANSAS

The Christians at Kanorado plan on an all day meeting for their 37th annual conference, October 4, 1959, preceded by a prayer meeting Saturday, October 3rd at 8:00 p.m.

We cordially invite all who can to come and spend the day with us.

—Floyd M. Kemp
Ruleton, Kansas

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Southern California Missionary Conference June 20 and 21 in La Brea Chapel, Los Angeles, was well attended by representatives from many of the assemblies in southern California. There were soul-stirring messages from Mr. T. Ernest Wilson of Angola, Africa, and also Mr. Robert Crawford of Philadelphia. There was also a welcome extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deans, who have returned from Africa and are now residing in the Western Assemblies Home. Mr. Deans spoke briefly on "A Retiring Missionary's Thoughts."

—W. R. Simpson

LYMAN, IOWA

Our 51st Annual Conference will be held (D. V.) September 12 and 13 with prayer meeting the evening of the 11th.

The Atlantic Assembly joins us as usual. Several gifted speakers have been invited. The usual accommodations will be provided for those coming from a distance, and a hearty invitation is extended to all.

—Harold W. Meyer

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

The annual Labor Day weekend Bible conference will be held, Lord willing, at the Longfellow Gospel Chapel, 3102 Longfellow Ave. S., commencing with prayer meeting, Friday at 8:00 p.m., September 4 and continuing over Monday (Labor Day), September 7.

A hearty invitation to attend the conference is hereby extended by the Minneapolis area assemblies. Please address communications to W. Denham, Jr., 4214—25th Ave. S., Minneapolis 8, Minn.

ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF BRETHREN

The third annual Conference of Brethren was held at Guelph Bible Conference Grounds, Guelph, Ont. over the weekend of June 12 to 14 when over 70 brethren enjoyed a rich time over the Word of God in fellowship with Him and with one another.

The central theme was "The Word of the Lord for the Churches" in Revelation 2 and 3, just as surely messages for the churches today.

Brethren responsible for the opening addresses at the five sessions were: Peter Pell, John Welch, James K. Boswell, William Miller, and Ron Hogan. Among the many who took part in the discussions were H. K. Downie, Tom Carroll, A. J. Field, and Mark Levensgood.

No printed report is to be issued this year. Tape recordings were made of opening addresses only.

The Fourth Annual Conference of Brethren will be held at Guelph, June 17-19, 1960 (D.V.). Correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, 17 Elmsthorpe Ave., Toronto 7, Canada.

—Kenneth A. Bowler

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA Friendship Ave. Gospel Hall

The Friendship Avenue assembly will (God willing) convene its Annual Christian Conference Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27. The Saturday morning service will be a conversational Bible reading on the Holy Spirit, followed by the regular ministry meetings.

We extend a cordial invitation to all the Lord's people. Accommodations will be furnished visitors. Address correspondence to John S. Martin, 3767 Sunset Dr., Homestead Park, Pa.

PORTLAND, OREGON Eastgate Bible Chapel 11410 S. E. Stark Street

The Annual Northwest Area Bible conference will begin with a prayer meeting Friday, September 4, 8:00 p.m. at the new Eastgate Bible Chapel in Portland. The Saturday morning session and lunch will also be held at the chapel. The conference will then move to the Jennings Lodge Assembly Grounds for the Saturday afternoon, all day Sunday and Monday (September 5, 6, and 7) services. The theme of the conference will be "The Two Aspects of the Lord's Return."

—Jack Clark

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SUDBURY, ONTARIO

Gatchell Gospel Hall

We are contemplating an annual conference Canadian Thanksgiving weekend October 10, 11 and 12. The speakers arranged for will be (D.V.) W. E. Belch of Belleville, Ont., and J. K. Boswell of London, Ont. Accommodations will be provided for out-of-town visitors.

—J. H. Stephenson

WATERLOO, IOWA

Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel

The Downing Avenue Gospel Chapel announces that their first Missionary Conference will be held in the will of the Lord September 19 and 20, 1959, with prayer meeting preceding on Friday, September 18. Brethren expected are T. Ernest Wilson, Cyril Brooks, and George Walker. Meals will be served at the chapel and sleeping accommodations will be provided for all those from a distance. We trust that this conference will prove to be a blessing and a challenge for all those who attend; and if the Lord tarries, we trust that this conference will be an annual event for the Downing Avenue Assembly.

—Albert R. Nesbit

YOSEMITE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Registration at the thirteenth annual California Bible Conference, July 11 to 19, reached 350, possibly the largest since the conference started in 1947.

The ministry of Peter Pell and of William MacDonald was profitable and refreshing. Many of those vacationing in the Valley attended the evening services in the Church Bowl, swelling the number to more than 500.

Breakfast for 340 on the Merced River beach, followed by a morning Bible study, proved a success. One day was spent in viewing scenic points outside the Valley. All who attended expressed a deep appreciation of the Christian fellowship.

Dates for the 1960 conference are July 9 to 17 and Harold Wildish has accepted an invitation to speak. Registrar is Earle Fries, 495 St. Augustine Ave., Claremont, California.



Edited by Charles S. Howard

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Garfield Gospel Chapel, 2406 Garfield, S.E.

We have just concluded a very successful two-week vacation Bible school, supervised by Brother Fred Gladstone. The attendance was 60 to 65 for the entire period, climaxed by a picnic in one of our city parks.

Brother Gladstone spent the greater part of July in Arizona, preaching the gospel among the Indians. The month of August he plans to be in the Chicago area, including Lake Geneva the latter part of August.

We are looking forward to our third annual Labor Day conference, beginning with a prayer meeting Friday night, September 4.

—Francis Delaney

BOISE, IDAHO

Christian Assembly Chapel

Mr. William Murray of Edmonton, Alberta, was with us for two weeks in June to conduct our DVBS. Attendance was good and a boy of 12 professed to be saved.

During his stay with us Brother Murray gave excellent ministry at several meetings.

—C. C. Hollar, Correspondent

DELAND, FLORIDA

The assembly in Deland would be happy to have visiting Christians remember the Lord and fellowship with us while here.

We are located at 838 East New York Avenue, which is State Route No. 44, and our meetings are as follows:

Sunday, Breaking of Bread, 9:30 a.m., Family Bible Hour 11:00 a.m., Gospel 7:30 p.m. Tuesday: Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Please note that Florida is on Eastern Standard Time.

We were refreshed by the ministry of Brother E. H. Smith and are now enjoying Brother Wesley Harding's ministry. Brother Harding speaks over Radio WSBB (1230 kc) every Lord's Day at 1:30 p.m. E. S. T. WSBB is located in the New Smyrna Hotel, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The hotel was recently purchased and is now managed by Brother and Sister Sorensen of Chicago, Illinois.

—Dale E. Freeman

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

On September 13, Robert Clark begins two weeks of meetings here, the first for boys and girls, and the second for adults. Please pray for these meetings.

LADNER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ladner is situated about ten miles from Vancouver, the largest city in British Columbia. It is on a paved highway just through the new Deas Island Tunnel. There are miles of good beaches and the climate is temperate and sunny. Christians living in the area have a lovely meeting place situated on 60th Ave. near 64th St. Meetings are as follows:

Breaking of Bread 9:30 a.m.

Family Bible Hour and Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

Prayer and Bible Study—Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

Sunday School also at Boundary Bay Community Hall each Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Pray that our ministry may be positive and Christ-exalting and that the testimony here may glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Donald A. Robertson

LITTLETON, COLORADO **Belleview Bible Chapel**

Our assembly is now four years old. At present we are using the 4 H building of the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. We meet regularly four times a week. In June we held two weeks of DVBS conducted by Ken Baird, which reached 130 youngsters, closing with a parents night with about 300 in attendance.

—Roscoe E. Turner



KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN **Community Gospel Chapel**

We were able to use our new chapel for our DVBS though it is not entirely completed. We had good and consistent attendance. A number professed to be saved.

Brother Joe Balsan, who had planned to be with us for the two weeks, was unable to come because of his wife's illness. The Lord undertook in our need by directing Brother and Sister C. E. Bulander to us for the first week and Brother and Sister George Walker for the second week.

At the closing program we had over 80 in attendance. The evident blessing of God is a real joy to the Christians.

—James E. Watson

PEMBROKE, N. C.

Brother J. W. Bramhall is with us, giving ministry on subjects related to "The Second Coming" of our Lord Jesus Christ. The ministry is both enlightening and searching. The saints of the three local gatherings are principally concerned, but local farming conditions prevent attendance of others.

—Venus Brooks

New Kaukauna Gospel Chapel under construction sees souls saved in DVBS.

MONTREAL, CANADA **Assemblée Chretienne Maranatha**

We realize afresh that the Spirit alone can lead to salvation, as some very encouraging inquirers draw back or are unwilling to face the conditions of discipleship. However, at the present time one couple and one young man in hospital are manifesting a great thirst for the Word. The latter came to only one meeting before being hospitalized, but wrote of his intense desire to come back among us. The little band of Christians here nearly all come to prayer meetings, open air meetings and most of them are also going to camp.

—W. J. Learoyd

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Monthly meetings for ministry will be resumed in September and will continue on the third Lord's day of each month, in the Olney Gospel Hall, 814 W. Chew St., Philadelphia.

—John MacLellan

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MORE CONFERENCE NOTICES

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN

The assembly meeting at Curtis Gospel Chapel has planned (D.V.) to hold its annual conference October 3 and 4, beginning with a prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. October 2.

A number of the Lord's honored servants have been invited to speak at this conference.

Meals will be served and accommodations provided as in former years.

—Claude Simms

LONDON, ONTARIO

The Egerton Street Gospel Chapel, Hamikon Road Gospel Hall, and Bethel Chapel, Moore St., are again combining to hold (D.V.) their Thanksgiving Conference, October 10 to 12. Meetings on the 12th will be held in the Hyatt Avenue United Church, corner of Hamilton Road.

Ministering brethren expected are Neil Fraser, Eugene, Oregon; Bram Reed, Peterborough, Ontario; and others.

—Harold E. Down

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

The annual Bible Conference of the Omaha assembly will be held (D.V.) at the Omaha Gospel Hall, 45th and Hamilton Streets, on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11, 1959, preceded by a prayer meeting on Friday evening, October 9.

—William R. Jones

WORKERS CHANGE OF STATUS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Hammon

The Hammons, who were commended to the work of the Lord in Alaska by the Maplewood Gospel Hall, St. Louis, Mo.; in August 1953, have spent a short furlough in St. Louis this summer. They now plan (D.V.) to return to Anchorage as self-supporting workers, and while their missionary status is now changed the assembly wishes to commend them to prayer fellowship and support of the work as the Lord leads.

—Frank Horst

ROBERT McCORRY
137 Queen Street S.,
Hamilton, Ontario

This aged servant of the Lord has been ailing now for some time. Until the death of his wife some months ago he spent a great deal of time and energy caring for her in her declining years, despite his own frailty. Prayer is requested on his behalf.

WALTER JENSEN
2033 Grand St., Scotch Plains, N. J.

My wife is undergoing X-ray treatments again. Prayer is appreciated and prized highly.



I expect to be at Curtis Chapel in Detroit for a gospel campaign in September. Prayer for His blessing upon our efforts is sincerely solicited.

ALAN KNIGHT MEMORIAL

Early this year one of the families at Leaside Bible Chapel, Toronto, lost a little lad of six, and their request to omit floral tributes resulted in the setting up of a fund to be used to carry the gospel to boys and girls. Recently a committee of brethren was formed, headed by Mr. Harold Knight, Alan's father, to arrange children's evangelistic crusades and thus to fulfill the purpose of the memorial fund.

With the working of the Holy Spirit manifest today among our children, this endeavor, originating as it did through the Lord taking one of His own little ones to Himself, may be exceedingly fruitful. Therefore, the prayers of God's people are requested for this venture, that an abundant harvest of little ones may be gathered in while yet there is time.

—Lionel Hunt



Edited by James G. Humphrey

WILLIAM M. BROWN
6790 N.W. 33rd St., West Hollywood, Fla.

The DVBS in Cleveland was one of the best I have ever been connected with. About ten professed to be saved. Then we went over to Yonkers, N. Y. for another two weeks of DVBS. Many boys and girls have been won to Christ this summer through this medium.

Camp here in Florida began July 27 and I expect to be engaged in this work for five weeks.

The work in West Hollywood goes on nicely. For five weeks the work was under the able leadership of Mr. John Meyer. While there is always a drop in attendance in the summer in our Sunday schools we do not seem to experience as much of a drop as others do. We now have approved building plans and the permit to go ahead with the additional classrooms which are much needed.

DAVENPORT, IOWA
Harrison Gospel Chapel, 3025 Harrison St.

We had two weeks of DVBS in June, with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Arthur, with very good attendance. Some professed to be saved and several new children are coming to our Sunday school. Also as a result of DVBS some of the parents are coming to Family Bible Hour.

—A. T. Livingston

EDWIN FESCHE
721 E. 34th St., Baltimore 18, Md.

During July I called at Scranton, Pa., and sought to help the small group there while going and returning from Pine Bush Bible Camp in New York state. It was en-

couraging to see some children we helped in former years now assuming responsibilities in the Camp. Also several children professed during this season.

I am ministering in Joy Bible Camp in August.

JOE GIORDANO
65 Sidehill Rd., Hamden, Conn.

My summer activities were chiefly among young people. After Plainfield, N. J., DVBS, I came on to Camp Berea for a six week period. Junior Week proved a blessing as we saw seven to nine-year olds receive Christ Jesus. I was greatly encouraged in this new work. One can see the potential in these little ones if the Lord has not come and if they are tenderly cared for back home. At girls' camp we spoke daily morning and night. God continued to bless and we heard of a number trusting Christ. Youth week was for young people up to 21 years of age. DVBS in South Norwalk, Conn., followed.

Reports are that God is blessing down in Hamden, where two Air Force men who have been attending the meetings have been saved.

The Lord blessed our DVBS in the Grove St. Chapel, Plainfield, N. J., the closing part of June. Six boys professed faith in Christ there. The preparation on the part of the Christians was most encouraging and it made for the smooth operation of the school.

ERNEST GROSS
Box 1113, Greenville, S. C.

We had a very good week of Bible school in Greenville. Four boys and girls professed and we had a fair turnout on the final night. Neighbors came in, some for the first time. We also had a week of evening Bible school at the Northwoods Chapel, Atlanta. This was their first in their new building, hence small, but we trust it was profitable in many ways.

We were at Lower Peninsula Camp in Michigan for July.

OWEN HOFFMAN**P.O. Box 250, Washington, Georgia**

Bible school was bigger and better than ever. We had 40 more children than we planned on and that entailed a lot of extra work. We are always glad when the Word is going forth. God has blessed us in the past weeks with several souls and we expect to baptize eight who have recently professed faith in Christ.

After our camp here I will head West for camp work there. This means that 48 half-hour tapes had to be made in order to keep the radio work going. The radio work is really being blessed by the Lord.

A. H. HARTSEMA**1060 Allen, Muskegon, Mich.**

We have just finished a fine two-week daily vacation Bible school at Muskegon with numbers running way beyond our expectation. All the seats in our chapel were filled each day and on the final program night it was overflowing with parents and friends. The teachers and their helpers did an excellent job and we trust the Seed sown may be brought to fruition in the lives of these many youngsters. The summer is being spent in camp work in various places.

WILLIAM D. HYND**5702 Marja St., Flint 5, Michigan**

I have just returned from the boys' camp at the Upper Peninsula Bible Camp. Brother Leonard Lindsted and I were responsible for the teaching. The Lord gave us a real time of blessing and many of the boys confessed Christ.

LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**Countryside Bible Chapel**

The DVBS opened its doors for registration on Tuesday, June 23, and the following day over 100 boys and girls from the surrounding area were present, with numbers increasing daily. Quite a good number of parents came with their children. Seven boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, confessed Christ as Savior.

Mr. and Mrs. Soren Jorgensen of Greer, South Carolina, were in charge, and did

a magnificent job in winning the interest of these young folk, many of whom were complete strangers to the gospel.

—W. Herbert Marshall

MANSFIELD, OHIO**Lincoln Heights Gospel Chapel**

The work at Mansfield is progressing very well. Our Daily Vacation Bible School was well attended. An average of 112 children were present daily. At the closing program we had parents in the chapel who had never come before. They seemed very pleased at what their children had learned and the projects they had performed. More than 200 were at the program. The Saturday following a picnic for the Bible school and Sunday school also brought many of the parents out and gave us an opportunity to invite them to the Family Bible Hour. New faces are noted almost every Sunday at this service.

We had a week of meetings with Brother James Paul of England; and John Rae was here for ministry, which was appreciated and very helpful.

—James Hunter, Sr.

WILLIAM J. OGLESBY**Victoria, Virginia**

It was my privilege to assist in the Vacation Bible School at Roxborough, Penna. Attendance for the week averaged 54, about 25% being Roman Catholic. We were encouraged by the general good behavior of the children and their interest in the Scriptures. Parents and friends who attended the closing exercises on Friday night were impressed with what the children had learned in just one week.

About 100 boys registered for the boys' camp at Greenwood Hills. Our hearts are challenged as we think of the opportunity of touching so many lives.

Following the boys' camp we visit Buffalo, New York and Reading, Penna.

RIMROCK BIBLE CAMP

Sponsored by the Yakima and Sunnyside assemblies and directed by W. E. Guthrie, this year's camp was held June 14 to 21

at the YMCA grounds on Clear Lake in the beautiful Casades, about 60 miles west of Yakima, Washington.

Attendance was in excess of 100 boys and girls, nine years of age or older. About 25 Christians from various assemblies in Oregon, Washington and even California worked as counselors, teachers, athletic directors and kitchen help. Some applications had to be refused because of limited accommodations. A number professed salvation, and others were taught and helped in the study of the Word of God. A full time schedule of activities was maintained throughout the week so that all were kept busy.

W. B. Mackie and John Hunt gave Bible ministry at the chapel services. Brother Mackie introduced some of his choruses, adding a great deal of interest.

—Ira Meyer

S. STEWART

Box 563, Cosmopolis, Wash.

At the Daily Vacation Bible school we had good attendance, an average of 85 daily. This usually serves to stimulate interest, and parents are reached with the Word too.

Then followed two weeks at Ocean Beach Bible Camp, sponsored by the Cosmopolis assembly, John Covert camp director. The first week we had 55 teenagers, and believe some were saved. The second week some 103 were present, ages eight to twelve. Sam Stewart, Neil Fraser and John Hunt were the teachers, while several others came to speak in the evenings. Several sisters from Whitman Ave. assembly, Seattle, did a great work in the kitchen, and many others also kindly gave of their time and effort in the good work.

Presently we are busy building a new addition to the rear of the chapel. A number of interested ones are helping on the project. It is all volunteer work.

ROBERT I. THOMPSON

P.O. Box 27, South Houston, Texas

There was much blessing at the Texas camps this year and the South Houston

assembly received a big share. We expect to baptize some next week. It is very encouraging to see the change in the attitude of those saved. We seek to encourage them to go on in the way of the Lord.

EVELYN VARDER

Immanuel Mission, Box 368, Shiprock, N. M.

I have just (July 13) returned from the new assembly Bible camp in southern New Mexico. Eight of our mission children attended this year. They all seemed to have an enjoyable time, and I know that the Bible lessons and messages were helpful. Mr. Henry Petersen was the speaker.

While there I went to Phoenix for a short visit with my brother and his wife and picked up most of the needed electrical equipment for our new dormitory building. My brother and two brethren from the Albuquerque assembly hope to come up early next month and make the installation. Two other brethren have volunteered to lay the floor for us.

Thursday I go to Albuquerque with Lorena Mae, my second little adopted girlie. She has an appointment with an ear specialist there and we trust that she will soon have near-normal hearing. Later she is to go to a children's hospital for a nerve transplant on both feet. She is happy at the prospect of not being crippled any more and I do hope she will not be disappointed.

Bob and Betty Staley and their children seem to be making a good adjustment to their new surroundings. We are so happy to have them here with us and know that they will be a real help, especially after the start of school. In Don Perault's absence Bob is already making himself useful with paint brush, hammer, and saw.

DAVID WARD

8 Watrous Ave., R.F.D. #1, Mystic, Conn.

Our vacation Bible school in Groton was well attended with an average of 173 daily. The teachers and workers did an excellent job and the chapel was filled for the closing program. Some parents heard the gospel for the first time. Two children professed faith in Christ during the school.

Our Stewardship

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Receipt	Amount
Nos. issued	Total
1275-1515	\$15,829.57
For Fellowship	13,995.00
For Expenses	1,791.52
For Literature	43.05
TOTAL	\$15,829.57

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Received During June & July 1959

Receipt	Amount
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At the boy's camp at Berea 100 boys were registered, and a dozen of them made open confession of faith in our Lord. We initiated a new patch system this year and were encouraged as about 25% of the campers won an award. An increased interest in memory work was especially achieved as a result.

After the Berea Youth Camp we join Brother Harold Harper for a final two weeks at Joy Bible Camp.

TORONTO, ONTARIO

The Toronto Missionary Fellowship meets on the first Saturday of the month from October through April in various conveniently located Toronto assemblies. The purpose of these gatherings is to stimulate missionary interest among all the assemblies in Toronto.

The meetings commence at 4 o'clock and from then until 5:30 letters from missionaries are read and prayer is made for the specific requests mentioned in these letters. A break for supper permits those present to meet with other Christians in an informal way and share their interest in missionary work. The evening program closes at 7:30 in order that young people's meetings, etc., will not conflict with the missionary meeting. During the evening service a missionary, if available, will give a report of the work being done on his particular field.

It would be appreciated if any missionaries who plan to be in the Toronto area at the beginning of the month would contact the Fellowship so that a meeting can be arranged. Further information and a card giving the times and locations of the meetings may be obtained by writing to the treasurer: Mr. Gerrit Schakelaar, 31 Rialto Drive, Don Mills, Ontario.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Hazelwood Bible Chapel, Laddy Road
(Formerly Kossuth Ave. Gospel Chapel)

Through the prayers of the Lord's people a lot has been purchased in a growing subdivision of St. Louis, known as Hazelwood. Plans are now being drawn for the erection of a new chapel. We trust this testimony will be to His honor and glory and that many precious souls will be saved.

We are temporarily meeting at the Northwestern Hotel, 4919 Natural Bridge, St. Louis 15, Missouri.

—Elmer H. Keppel

PIONEERING TODAY

EDITED BY DONALD M. TAYLOR

D. J. CARMICHAEL

Box 248, Baddeck, Nova Scotia

Brother D. J. Carmichael continues to pioneer in remote parts of Cape Breton Island. He had well attended meetings in Cape North and River Denys, and elsewhere. He hoped to pitch his tent, weather permitting, in Orangedale. Please remember our brother in prayer.

—J. H. Comte

WALLACE CUDMORE

158 Ellen St., Midland, Ont.

I have just returned from New Brunswick where I have been laboring with Brother George Heidman in a little place about 40 miles from Moncton in a school-house. The Lord was working there and we saw a number saved. Also, a few Christians in those parts were much encouraged and their hand strengthened in God.

In the will of the Lord, I expect to stay around home for a few weeks and help where I can.

HOWARD FORBES

189 Burma St., Arvida, Quebec

We were happy that fifteen teenagers were able to go from this district to the French-speaking camp at Frontier Lodge. As this is 326 miles from here, transportation was something of a problem. The Word of God was faithfully presented and we trust it may be used in these young lives.

During August I am doing some visitation work with Brother John Clark in Lemisconata County. Our brother has been encouraged in his visitation work. May he have the joy to continue to see souls saved.

AUBREY DELLANDREA

Greenhill Ave., R.R. #1, North Bay, Ont.

After several years of exercise, clear guidance was received, hence the move to North Bay. There is a fine assembly here, where we have enjoyed happy fellowship.

I have done much of the work on our new home, but have been able to travel some in His service and have seen some led to Christ.

Shall appreciate prayer about a gospel tour later this month with Brother Martin of Hawkesville and others, and also about a gospel campaign in Danforth Hall, Toronto, next month.

FORT WILLIAM, ONTARIO

Westmount Gospel Chapel

603 Rosewood Crescent (Temporarily)

We have just completed two weeks of vacation Bible school with Brother J. K. Boswell taking the lessons. We hesitate to count but feel well assured that well over 20 children accepted the Lord as Savior. Average daily attendance was over 70. On the final evening over 30 parents heard a gospel message by Mr. Boswell. This work was carried on in the center of a new housing area known as Green Acres. It has been remarkable to hear the children singing gospel choruses on the street and in their homes. Many parents have been surprised and pleased to see their children learn scripture verses. Several families adjusted holiday plans to enable their children to come. Several of the older boys and girls have expressed a desire for a weekly Bible study so a meeting is being held this week to arrange it.

During most of the evenings Mr. Boswell ministered the Word and preached the gospel. Several neighbors came in to hear and contacts were made with other Christians in the city who have shown an interest in the work.

—F. O. Jones

LOUIS J. GERMAIN

444 Bank St., Ottawa 4, Ontario

I am now in Quebec in the mountains and bush among the French people, visiting from house to house, ministering the Word to Christians and giving the gospel

to the unsaved. Some of the Christians have not a godly walk and need to realize that God is holy.

At this time of year the country is filled with French people spending their vacation here, most of them R. C.'s who have never heard the gospel.

GEORGE F. HEIDMAN
Rockwood Court, Bldg. 17, Apt. 2,
St. John, N. B.

Brother Albert Ramsay and Robert McIlwaine are having well attended meetings in their portable Hall at Inverness on P. E. I. Brethren Fred Holder and Douglas Howard are using my portable in a new place called Folly Lake. Brethren Thomas Wilkie and James Blackwood are working with the Moncton assembly portable Hall in Berry's Mills, just a few miles from Moncton.

Brother Wallace Cudmore and I had a series in Fredericton where three professed. At another series in a small country district schoolhouse at Emerson, N. B., the Lord granted eight to profess faith in Christ. Brother Fred Holder and I had a series in Fredericton, N. B., on I Corinthians.

I am hoping to start a radio program here in the city this year if the Lord wills. There is far more work to preparing tapes than appears at first.

On Sunday night we shorten our gospel meeting and go out to the center Square of the city. About 100 stood for a whole hour to hear the preaching. We asked that any desiring tracts or conversation remain and we would come to them. Nearly all received tracts and several remained to have conversations with us.

PRESTON L. KEITH
Route 1, Zebulon, N. Car.

The past ten weeks have been busy ones, finishing preparations to move to Nash County. We have also helped with the DVBS at the Union Hope Gospel Chapel and with the regular meetings there. During the DVBS an average attendance of about 90 each day was encouraging as well as fruitful, some professing faith in Christ during the week.

We go one Sunday night each month

to a community called Eureka near Wilson, N. C., for a gospel meeting. Interest has been encouraging and there seems to be some hunger for the Word, but as yet we have seen no visible fruit.

We have a few contacts in Wilson, N. C., and in Rocky Mount, N. C., and trust as soon as we are settled in our new location we shall be able to follow them up. The distance to these areas will be much less than in the past when we lived in Durham.

We covet the prayers of God's people for this virgin field in the eastern part of North Carolina and for ourselves as we go on for Him till He comes.

LAWRENCE LONDON
Box 77, Schultor, Oklahoma

I am at Belleville, Ark., where there are a few scattered Christians and as there is no meeting here we have arranged for gospel meetings in a community building. Several are coming in to hear the Word of God and some interest is being manifested. We also visited Springtown, Ark., where there are a few who break bread in a brother's home. These Christians need help and encouragement. We also gave help at Alpena, Ark., where a few are carrying on for the Lord. We are to begin a series of gospel meetings at Hartshorn, Okla., where the gospel has never gone forth. We also are to have gospel meetings at Alderson, Okla., on this trip. These are all needy places.

EARL MILLER
702 West Barner St., Frankfort, Ind.

We are currently working with four assemblies in this area; Frankfort, Indianapolis, Lafayette, and Logansport. We are just getting a feel of the needs of the area, and a work truly needs to be done. We are thankful for the cooperation and blessed fellowship that exists among the saints at the various assemblies. We expect, in the will of the Lord, to conduct a weekly radio broadcast over WILO in Frankfort, 8:30 to 8:45 Sunday mornings, beginning in September. Please pray for us.

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MORE ABOUT MONTANA

Having returned from Montana where I visited the new little assembly in the Shawvers' home, I would like to report on our trip. A few brethren are finding their way into this new work. While we were there Brother Wm. Milligan of Worcester, Mass., visited over the weekend, and assisted in the baptism on the Lord's Day when four were baptized. While we were there a letter was received from Brother Fred Elliott stating that he expects to be visiting soon.

This section around Brusett is not the desolate, unpopulated area most people assume. The Shawvers made arrangements to have meetings in schoolhouses in that area and then got on the phone and called the homes to invite them out. As a result we had an attendance of 25 to 35 at each of the different locations where meetings were held. This may not sound big, but in comparison to the number of unsaved who come to our gospel meetings in the city, it is a good number. More than one-half of these were unsaved.

I believe this could be one of the most fruitful fields in the nation, if the Lord would send a good evangelist in now before the false cults spoil it.

It is developing very rapidly. In the last four years electricity has come to this area and two years ago telephone lines were run in on REA poles. This has made a tremendous difference. The people themselves still have the thought that they are isolated, but that is not the impression I got.

The attitude in this area is better than in most places, because they have been left alone. Generally speaking, morality is better than in many places, especially in the cities. Folk listen well. The Shawvers have stirred up a good interest. Several of the children in the community have professed faith in the Savior and are evidencing it in their lives.

Another real need is to encourage the Shawvers. The meeting in their home is small but a sweet incense to the Lord. The first Lord's Day we were there the worship meeting lasted one and one-half hours.

Concerning road conditions, about five miles east of the Shawver ranch there is a definite line such as you would see along the foot of the Rockies in Colorado. To the west is what they call the "Breaks." In this area the roads are only two tracks made by the vehicles that travel over them. No grading has been done. These roads are closed during the winter snows and in the rainy season. East of this line the country is rolling hills and valleys, more of a farming district, and roads are graded. Some are gravel, all-weather roads, and the rest are graded dirt roads which are difficult, but not impassable in the rainy season.

Two miles west of the Brusett store and post office are crossroads and here there is a directory listing the names of 76 families, with arrows pointing to their homes and designating the number of miles from that corner to each home.

This farming district is quite thickly populated and there is a community building available, free, that will accommodate 200 people.

—Leonard R. Dare

Mr. George Shawver (see July-August issue) writes from Brusett:

"We have much to praise the Lord for. Mr. Leonard Dare of Colorado Springs, with another Christian, spent July 17 to 27 here, holding meetings at some of the schoolhouses.

"The article in *Letters of Interest* was timely and an answer to our prayers. I have had this on my heart for a long time, but have not felt it would be suitable to write myself."

MINNIE ARMERDING
Immanuel Mission, P.O. Box 246,
Winslow, Ariz.

I have been having some trouble the last few weeks with high blood pressure, but am thankful to report that I am very much better, and praising the Lord for His goodness to me.

We spent two weeks at the Conference Grounds near Flagstaff, at the Southwest Bible and Missionary Conference. Several of our families went and also a nice group of our high school young people.

JAMES W. GIBB
22 Ridge Rd., Belmont 79, Mass.

On the Greek ship "*Argo Delos*," despite the usual language barrier, I was able to speak with the third engineer, who makes his home in Alexandria, Egypt, and understands several languages. While he appeared quite careless as to the things of God, he listened to the gospel and gladly accepted literature, both in Greek and English.

On this same ship the chief mate professed to be a believer, being a strong Greek Orthodox. While his one book was the prayer book, he was much appreciative of an English New Testament.

On the French ship "*Boffa*" one Lord's Day afternoon, all gratefully received French literature and gospel portions. We had in our assembly on a visit Brother John Clark, a servant of the Lord in Quebec, and while he was unable to go with me he did go the next day by himself. He phoned and told of the wonderful time he had, especially with the chief steward, with whom I had had a little time, and found him quite receptive to the literature in French. Brother Clark told me he felt he was under conviction. Brother Clark felt so happy he was able to get on this ship by himself and, of course, was right at home with this class of men although he did say he found them of a different temperament than those he regularly deals with in Quebec.

From the "*City of Edinburgh*" (Brit.), I had in my home one evening a young Christian, Mr. H. Reid of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, an asst. engr. He had found my

name in the list of representatives in various ports of the Merchant Navy Officers Association. He has a good testimony aboard his ship. He took back much literature for the crew which included many Indians. Mr. Reid visited the Water St. Mission in New York and gave a splendid message in the gospel. Pray for his life and testimony among the men with whom he works. He is the only Christian aboard and longs that one or two might become interested in Bible readings.

On the Norwegian ship "*Fernstate*," I had an unusually fine time. As a rule I find these men are not too open to the gospel. I believe the carpenter was a Christian for he had a lovely Bible but his testimony was weak. He appreciated Norwegian literature given him which he promised to read and take home to his wife.

The captain and chief mate were together in the chief's room and after a bit of indifference, they settled down and listened to a message from the Word, and both promised to take time to read their Bibles.

NEW WORLD PORT

Chicago, made a world seaport by completion of St. Lawrence Seaway, brings seamen from around the world through 2,000 miles of inland waters. Here such a mission as James Gibb (story above) conducts in Boston harbor and Ralph West carries on in New York harbor could reach hundreds with the gospel. Evil will seek them out. Why not good?

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Some 200 of the Lord's people gathered at Elim Homes on July 1 for anniversary services. The warmth of Christian fellowship was enjoyable, and the ministry of the Word most profitable. Boyd Nicholson and George Wilson spoke at the afternoon session, and Will Pell in the evening. At the close of the afternoon ministry period the Secretary presented the annual report of business, a report which evidenced the faithfulness and care of the Lord toward His aged saints.

The many friends of the Home were saddened to learn a few days later that Mr. Ted Williams, who had acted as Chairman for the occasion, was with his wife and another Christian involved in a near fatal motor car accident. The prayers of the Lord's people are requested that all involved in the accident may be spared and make complete recovery.

TENT WORK 1959

TOM WILKIE
Box 183, Forest, Ontario

The tent we are preaching in is owned by the Moncton assembly. Perhaps if more assemblies owned tents and invited the Lord's servants to operate them in towns nearby, there could be more unsaved reached with the gospel.

The tent is pitched at Berry's Mill, ten miles from Moncton. Brother Blackwood and I have called at all the houses, leaving good gospel tracts. Last Lord's day we had 100 in the tent. Many of these were Christians from the Moncton assembly, but there was a good number from the district, and no doubt some who need Christ were present. There is real joy in seeking to reach the people in new places, and I believe we need a revival of interest in pioneer work. Monday night is devoted to children, and last week we had 75 children and a dozen adults.

ROBERT BOOTH
23 Parkcrest Dr., Scarborough, Ontario

Interest was sustained to the end in the tent meetings just concluded. We thank God for this, and for those who professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was indeed a cheer to all our hearts, and we thank God and take courage.

ERIC McCULLOUGH
1421 Olive Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa

Brother Paul Elliott and I have the tent pitched in a new field in the town of Union. There are strangers coming each night and we look nightly for evidences of God moving.